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## 2004 GRANTS PACKAGE INDEX

### TO: FIRE PROTECTION AGENCIES IN IOWA

This package contains a wealth of information and opportunities for all fire protection agencies in Iowa! Please take the time to look through it carefully and deliberately. Discuss the opportunities at your next agency meeting and get your applications and requests in to us so that we can better serve you!

The items in this package are color coded as follows:

- Yellow**      **Volunteer Fire Assistance Applications** (50-50% cost share grants for wildfire equipment – maximum cost share is \$3500/department; **applications are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004**. Departments will be notified by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as to their allocation.)
- Gold**        **2004 Annual Wildfire Survey** – In coordination with the National Fire Plan ([www.fireplan.gov](http://www.fireplan.gov)) and in an effort to assess the annual wildfire activity within the nation's rural fire departments response areas, the National Association of State Foresters and the US Forest Service have asked each state to assist them in compiling information about the nation's rural fire departments. The information that is gathered will be compiled and reported to Congress. **Please complete and return this no later than January 15, 2005.** *Departments who return this completed survey by December 15, 2004 with their Volunteer Fire Assistance Application will receive priority points.*
- Ivory**       **Big Rivers Forest Fire Management Compact – 50-50% Cost Share for Personal Protective Equipment** (Cost-share for Iowa is limited and **available on a first come – first serve basis**. Please contact Gail Kantak, IDNR Fire Supervisor - 515/233-1161 as to the current availability of funding.)
- Blue**        **Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau - Fire Program Opportunities** outlines the programming opportunities available to Iowa's fire suppression agencies by the Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau in cooperation with it federal, state and local partners.
- Programs include:
- Smokey Bear – Wildfire Prevention programming support**
  - Prescribed Fire Programming and Educational Materials**
  - Wildland Urban Interface Fire Prevention and Awareness**

**Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants**

**General Services Administration (GSA)** -Federal Supply Service offers purchasing opportunities for wildfire related equipment and supplies.

**Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)**

Applications will also be available on the web at **[www.iowadnr.com/forestry/fire.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/forestry/fire.html)**

**RE: Federal Excess Personal Property - INSPECTIONS**

Many of you have utilized this program and have a variety of federal excess equipment in your possession. Periodically these items will be physically inspected by a DNR District Forester. They will be looking for Federal ID #'s, serial numbers, mileage and evidence that the items are of continued value to the fire department that it is serving. Your assistance in these inspections will be greatly appreciated.

It is the desire of the DNR Forestry Bureau – Fire Program to provide the fire suppression agencies in Iowa with valuable assistance.

Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you!

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